

City of Santa Clara

Charter Review Ad Hoc Subcommittee Group 2

City Council: Elections, Powers and Conduct of Meetings

May 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m. (Thursday)
Sparacino Conference Room



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Santa Clara**
The Center of What's Possible

Proposed Meeting Agenda

- Recap/Report Out from April 13th meeting
- Discussion of Outstanding Issues and Detailed Review of proposed “final” language
- Identification of new issues
- Next Steps including

Group Two

Recap/Report Out From April 13th Meeting

- **Members Kelly, Peters, Boeckman, Crutchlow and Roberts in attendance**
- **Meeting convened at 6:05 p.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**
- **Staff presentation included: (1) recap of March 9th meeting; (2) presentation of updated/new language addressing (a) terms and term limits; (b) redistricting process; (c) consolidated Mayor's Powers and Duties; (d) City Council Member powers and duties; and (e) City Council meetings sections.**
- **Next meeting scheduled for May 6th**

Specific Issues to Discuss/Resolve

- Confirm group comfortable with Proposed tweaks to **Measure R** language and the addition of allowed “secondary” uses with the requirements for five affirmative votes and that all revenue to go for park benefits [**Old Section 714.1/New Section 102.3**]
- Discuss what, if any, changes are appropriate for the provision establishing the requirements for the Chief of Police [**Old Section 701.1/New Section 201.2**]
- Discuss deleting the requirements for specifics on Mayor policy recommendations, and add a similar provision to the City Council member authority list [**Old Sections 704.3 and 706/New Sections 202.1 and 202.2**]
- The proposal to add back a limited version of of investigation/subpoena authority [**Old Section 712/New Section 202.2(7)**]
- Discuss whether or not to delete/move the Section on City Council “interference” with the City Manager resulting in a misdemeanor and/or removal from office (Potentially a Group One Issue) [**Old Section 807/New Section 202.2.c**]

Specific Issues to Discuss/Resolve (cont'd)

- Confirm okay with language providing for “total compensation” as determined by the Salary Setting Commission and the new provisions providing details on that Commissions authority [**Old Section 702/New Sections 204 and TBD**]
- Consider if a modification is warranted in the reduction in pay based upon an “unexcused absence” from a scheduled meeting. [**Old Section 702/New Section 204.2**]
- Clarify provisions regarding forfeiture of office in the event of conviction of “any” felony, or any misdemeanor “involving moral turpitude.” [**New Section 205.1**]
- Review clarifying language to allow for consistency with ROV/Elections Code requirements that may be inconsistent with the City Charter [**New Section 300**]
- Discuss/develop consensus on appropriate role for the City Council in certifying elections and being able to challenge member qualifications under State Law [**New Section 302.3**]
- Discuss rules and appropriate level of detail in providing for a Redistricting Commission [**New Section 303.1**]

Next Steps

- Calendar next Subcommittee meeting (if necessary)
- Assign Committee Member/Staff Follow Ups
- Confirm process for preparing and presenting report out with recommendation to the May 20, 2026 full CRC meeting